

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 13 is amended for clarification purposes only. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under obviousness-type double patenting over Ariyoshi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,608,355). The attached Terminal Disclaimer is filed to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer

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